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Pair of new Aggressive Driver Unit vehicles is added to LPPD fleet



LPPD Traffic Officers Bennie Boles and Shane O'Sullivan stand ready to combat aggressive drivers with new "Ghost Marked" police vehicles.

Offenses such as Driving Under the Influence, road rage, speeding, and other serious moving violations, are crimes which plague the entire Gulf-Coast area. To help address these concerns, the LPPD recently secured a pair of Black, 2015, Dodge Chargers, equipped with the latest traffic enforcement technology. The new program was funded largely by seized drug monies.

Key among the enforcement equipment is the subdued markings along the side of the vehicles, commonly known as "ghost markings", as well as inlaid emergency lighting in place of the familiar police light bar across the vehicle roof. This allows for officers to move along the City's highways, during both light and dark periods, without alerting drivers of their presence unless it becomes necessary for the officer to activate his emergency equipment. Such ghost markings, as seen in the attached image, are illuminated at certain angles as light strikes, yet remain nearly invisible from other perspectives.



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In addition to the dangerous crimes noted, La Porte's annual community surveys for 2013 and 2014 reflected excessive speed and hazardous vehicle operations as the community's number one police priority. These concerns follow resident's ongoing declaration that they appreciate the low crime rate of the City, yet being a part of large metropolitan area, aggressive drivers spill in from all surrounding areas and negatively impact traffic operations and public-safety along area roadways. This effect continues to be a sobering reality as La Porte has already experienced several serious traffic incidents as a result of impaired or aggressive drivers. This includes two fatality accidents, in the past six-months, matching the entire 2014 total. Therefore, the agency has committed to ramping up its efforts to keep area roadways safe, and the new aggressive driver units are certain to help.

For more information on any of La Porte Police Department's traffic enforcement initiatives, please call 281-842-3171.